In the Claims

A complete listing of the pending claims is provided pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c). Please cancel claims 17-24 without prejudice. Please add new claims 26-34.

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) A method for inducing the repair of damaged or diseased liver tissue in a patient in need thereof, said method comprising the step of administering to the patient a graft composition comprising

(i) liver basement membrane; and

(ii) hepatocytes, wherein the graft composition is prepared by providing liver basement membrane substantially free of cells and seeding the hepatocytes on the liver basement membrane substantially free of cells, wherein the hepatocytes are capable of maintaining functionality *in vitro* when seeded on the liver basement membrane wherein functionality is selected from the group consisting of albumin production, urea production, and cytochrome P450 activity, and wherein said graft composition is in an amount effective to induce repair of the liver tissue.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the graft composition is fluidized and is administered by injection into the patient.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the basement membrane is in sheet form and the graft composition is administered by surgically implanting the graft composition into the patient.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the basement membrane is in the form of a gel.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the basement membrane is in powder form.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the graft composition is a multilayered graft composition formed from two or more layers of liver basement membrane.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein the layers of liver basement membrane have a thickness of up to about 2000 μm.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14 wherein the graft composition is formed as a multilayered homolaminate graft composition.

17-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the graft composition is prepared by removing endotoxins from the liver basement membrane prior to seeding the hepatocytes on the liver basement membrane.

26. (New) A method for inducing the repair of damaged or diseased liver tissue in a patient in need thereof, said method comprising the step of administering to the patient a graft composition comprising

(i) liver basement membrane; and

(ii) hepatocytes, wherein the graft composition is prepared by providing liver basement membrane substantially free of cells and seeding the hepatocytes on the liver basement membrane substantially free of cells, wherein the hepatocytes are capable of maintaining functionality *in vitro* when seeded on the liver basement membrane, wherein functionality is selected from urea production, and wherein said graft composition is in an amount effective to induce repair of the liver tissue.

27. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein the graft composition is fluidized and is administered by injection into the patient.

28. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein the basement membrane is in sheet form and the graft composition is administered by surgically implanting the graft composition into the patient.

29. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein the basement membrane is in the form of a gel.

30. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein the basement membrane is in powder form.

31. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein the graft composition is a multilayered graft composition formed from two or more layers of liver basement membrane.

32. (New) The method of claim 31 wherein the layers of liver basement membrane have a thickness of up to about 2000 μm.

33. (New) The method of claim 31 wherein the graft composition is formed as a multilayered homolaminate graft composition.

34. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the graft composition is prepared by removing endotoxins from the liver basement membrane prior to seeding the hepatocytes on the liver basement membrane.